

In the Claims:

Before Claim 1, please add the following:

We Claim:

1. (Original) An electroluminescent display of the type wherein a layer of electroluminescent material is sandwiched between but spaced from two electrode layers, which display has a plurality of separately-activatable individual areas each of electroluminescent (phosphor) material, in which display:

both the back electrode layer and also the electroluminescent material layer are each composed of a plurality of separate areas each matching in shape and size the image which the relevant portion of the display is to show.

2. (Original) A display as claimed in Claim 1 which uses, as the electroluminescent material, a particulate phosphor.

3. (Original) A display as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the particulate phosphor is zinc sulphide in the form of encapsulated particles.

4. (Currently Amended) A display as claimed in any of the preceding Claims 1, wherein the separately-activatable individual areas are grouped into sets of related character-

5. (Original) A display as claimed in Claim 4, wherein each group is the standard seven-segment group commonly employed in modern electrical and electronic displays.

6. (Cancelled.)

7. (Original) An electroluminescent display of the type wherein a layer of electroluminescent material is sandwiched between but spaced from two electrode layers, which display has a plurality of separately-activatable individual areas each of electroluminescent (phosphor) material, in which display:

the back electrode layer is composed of a plurality of separate areas each matching in shape and size the image which the relevant portion of the display is to show;

a shield layer of electrically-conductive material shaped and sized as a negative of the shaped area back electrode is positioned as an intermediate electrode between and aligned with the shaped area electrode and the electroluminescent material layer; and

means are provided enabling the shield layer intermediate electrode to be given the same electrical potential as the front electrode.

8. (Original) A display as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the means enabling the shield layer intermediate electrode to be maintained at the same electrical potential as the front electrode is a simple electrical connection between the two.

9. (Amended herein) A display as claimed in either of Claims 7 and 8 which is also a display as claimed in any of Claims 1 to 6, and thus wherein the electroluminescent material (phosphor) layer is shaped into a plurality of image-defining areas.

10. (Cancelled.)

REMARKS

The claims have been amended herein to remove the multiple dependencies. No substantive limitations been made herein.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are allowable. Any questions can be directed to the undersigned at 404.853.8028.

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Please enter the following amendments to the above-referenced application prior to the first evaluation thereof: